(*a*) (1) the number of toddy arrack shops sanctioned to be opened during the biennial contract commencing from the 1st Chingam, 1098, and the number actually opened and worked during the first year of the contract; and

(2) the quantity of toddy arrack consumed during the year 1098?

(*b*) What is the income that has accrued to the Government on this account?

(*c*) What was the quantity consumed in 1097 and what was the gain on that account?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) (1) 15 toddy arrack shops were sanctioned to be opened during the 1098-99 contract, out of which 10 shops were actually worked during 1098.

(2) 148·22 proof gallons.

(*b*) Rs. 2,814-Chs. 22-Cash 14.

(*c*) The quantity issued to the shops in 1097 was 1,012·5 proof gallons and the duty realised thereon was Rs. 6,439-Chs. 9-Cash 9.

Vaikam Jetty.

218. MR. N. RAMAKRISHNA PILLAI (*Vaikam* cum *Ettumanur*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they are aware of the difficulties experienced by passengers in steam and motor launches in getting into and alighting from boats at the Vaikam landing place;

(*b*) whether any estimate for the construction of a jetty has ever been submitted to the Government, and if so, when; and

(*c*) whether they will consider the question of constructing a jetty at the Vaikam landing place at a moderate cost?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) No.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) Government will enquire.

Markets for Industrial and Agricultural Products.

219. MR. N. RAMAKRISHNA PILLAI (*Vaikam* cum *Ettumanur*): (*a*) Will the Government be pleased to state whether any enquiries have been received by the Director of Industries or of Agriculture regarding the export of tapioca, spices or other products available in Travancore? If so, what are the articles regarding which enquiries have been made?

(*b*) Have any efforts been made by the Industries or the Agricultural Department towards enlightening the public as to the best and most suitable markets for the export of raw products from the State? If so, what are the means adopted?

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